

## PREPARATIONS FOR A HOLY GHOST REVIVAL

### TEXT:

***Isaiah 57:15: For thus saith the high and lofty One Who inhabiteth eternity, Whose Name is HOLY; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to REVIVE the spirit of the humble, and to REVIVE the heart of the contrite ones.***

### INTRODUCTION:

The word “REVIVAL” has been repeatedly coming from the lips of many Christian ministers and saints around the world. It has been yearningly longed for by many of us. Whenever we heard of a place where the Spirit of God was moving in mighty power, both ministers and saints sacrificed time and money to go there. We praise the Lord for the growing signs of the movings of the Holy Ghost becoming more frequent and in more churches. But the NATIONWIDE REVIVAL has not as yet come. God is longing to send revival, but He has been waiting for His people to prepare their hearts for a mighty manifestation of the Holy Spirit.



In our text, we have the two essential steps in prelude to REVIVAL. The Lord God will REVIVE only those who have a (1) **CONTRITE** and (2) **HUMBLE HEART** before Him. The BIG QUESTION is: How do we get into that kind of HEART CONDITION?

### ILLUSTRATION:

God Almighty is describing Himself in our text as: ***THE HIGH AND LOFTY ONE Who inhabits ETERNITY.*** This description of His MAJESTY is clearly set forth in the sixth chapter of this same Book of Isaiah. The prophet got a vision of the LORD GOD, and this is what he said:

***Isaiah 6:1: In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the LORD sitting on a Throne, HIGH and LIFTED UP, and His train filled the Temple.***

**QUESTION:** What effect did this vision of the Almighty have upon the prophet

Isaiah?

**ANSWER:** In verse five, the prophet said:

***Isaiah 6:5: Then said: Woe is me!!! For I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for, my eyes have seen THE KING, THE LORD OF HOSTS.***

The Seraphim cried out:

***Isaiah 6:3: One cried to another; HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, Is the LORD of Hosts: the whole earth is full of His Glory.***

These highest ranking angels, sinless though they are, cover their faces in the Presence of the Lord. The Glory of His HOLINESS is the primary reason. Our text declares “***Whose Name is HOLY***”. That one word — HOLY — describes HIS CHARACTER. We need to get a clearer understanding of the meaning of HOLY and HOLINESS. Listen to what the Bible has to say on this subject:



***Habakkuk 1:13a: Thou art of PURER eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity:***

***Leviticus 11:44: I AM THE LORD your GOD: ye shall therefore SANCTIFY yourselves, and ye shall be holy; for I AM HOLY: neither shall ye defile yourselves with any manner of creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.***

***Exodus 15:11: Who is like unto THEE, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like You, GLORIOUS IN HOLINESS, fearful [or awesome] in praises, doing wonders?***

***Exodus 28:36-38:***

***<sup>36</sup> And thou shalt make a plate of pure gold, and grave upon it, like the engravings of a signet, HOLINESS TO THE LORD.***

***<sup>37</sup> And thou shalt put it on a blue lace, that it may be upon the mitre; upon the forefront of the mitre it shall be.***

***<sup>38</sup> And it shall be upon Aaron's forehead, that Aaron may bear the iniquity of the holy things, which the Children of Israel shall hallow***

***in all their holy gifts; and it shall be always upon his forehead, that they may be accepted before the LORD.***

Note that it says upon the forehead of the High Priest shall be a CROWN and a plate of gold engravings saying **HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD**, and this plate shall be on a cloth field of blue.



***Leviticus 10:10-11:***

***<sup>10</sup> Ye may put difference between HOLY and unholy, and between unclean and CLEAN;***

***<sup>11</sup> And that ye may teach the Children of Israel all the statutes which the LORD hath spoken unto them by the hand of Moses.***

***Leviticus 20:26: Ye shall be HOLY unto ME: for I the LORD am Holy, and have severed you from other people, that ye should be Mine.***

***Romans 6:19b: . . . for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so NOW YIELD YOU MEMBERS servants to RIGHTEOUSNESS unto HOLINESS.***

***2 Corinthians 7:1: Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from ALL FILTHINESS of the flesh and spirit, PERFECTING HOLINESS in the fear of GOD.***

***Ephesians 1:4: According as He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be HOLY and WITHOUT BLAME before Him in love.***

***Ephesians 4:24: And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in RIGHTEOUSNESS and true HOLINESS.***

***Ephesians 5:25-27:***

***<sup>25</sup> Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave Himself for it;***

***<sup>26</sup> That He might SANCTIFY and CLEANSE it with the washing of water by the Word,***

***<sup>27</sup> That He might present it to Himself a glorious church, not***

***having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be HOLY and WITHOUT BLEMISH.***

***Hebrews 12:14: Follow peace with all men, and HOLINESS, without which no man shall see the Lord.***

***1 Peter 1:15-16:***

***15 But as He which hath called you is Holy, so be ye Holy in all manner of conversation;***

***16 Because it is written, Be ye Holy; for I am Holy.***

***Leviticus 11:44: For I am the LORD your God: ye shall therefore sanctify yourselves, and ye shall be Holy; for I am Holy: neither shall ye defile yourselves with any manner of creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.***

When the prophet Isaiah got a preview of REAL and GENUINE HOLINESS, he saw his own lack of HOLINESS and cried out for cleansing. Take notice that his uncleanness was NOT THE SINS of the flesh or immoral conduct, but the SINS OF THE TONGUE. Great lamentation (i.e., Holy Ghost conviction) came upon his soul, and he confessed his sins, and immediate cleansing came from the Lord.

There are 66 sins which can be committed by the tongue, alone. Christians need to know what they are, lest we also being guilty — and knowing it not — then question God as to why He has not sent revival.



When Isaiah saw the Lord, he from henceforth called HIM ‘THE HOLY ONE’, about 29 times thereafter. (Only 5 other such titles are ascribed to the Lord in the rest of the Old Testament.)

**QUESTION:** Do you recognize the fact that this is the TITLE ascribed to THE LORD JESUS CHRIST?

**ANSWER:** This TITLE is ascribed to our LORD in:

***Job 6:10: Then should I yet have comfort; yea, I would harden myself in sorrow: let Him not spare; for I have not concealed the Words of the HOLY ONE.***

***Psalms 16:10: For Thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt***

***Thou suffer Thine HOLY ONE to see corruption.***

***Psalms 71:22: I will also praise Thee with the psaltery, even Thy truth, O my God: unto Thee will I sing with the harp, O Thou HOLY ONE of Israel.***

***Psalms 78:41: Yea, they turned back and tempted God, and limited the HOLY ONE of Israel.***

***Jeremiah 50:29: Call together the archers against Babylon: all ye that bend the bow, camp against it round about; let none thereof escape: recompense her according to her work; according to all that she hath done, do unto her: for she hath been proud against the LORD, against the HOLY ONE of Israel.***

***Jeremiah 51:5: For Israel hath not been forsaken, nor Judah of his God, of the LORD of Hosts; though their land was filled with sin against the HOLY ONE of Israel.***

***Ezekiel 39:7: So I will make My Holy Name known in the midst of My people Israel; and I will not let them pollute My Holy Name any more: and the heathen shall know that I AM the LORD, the HOLY ONE of Israel.***

***Habakkuk 1:12: Art Thou not from everlasting, O LORD my God, mine HOLY ONE? We shall not die. O Lord, Thou hast ordained them for judgment; and, O mighty God, Thou hast established them for correction.***

***Habakkuk 3:3: God came from Teman, and the HOLY ONE from mount Paran. Selah. His glory covered the Heavens, and the earth was full of His praise.***

***Mark 1:24: Saying, let us alone; what have we to do with Thee, Thou Jesus of Nazareth? Art Thou come to destroy us? I know Thee Who Thou art, the HOLY ONE of God.***



The demons recognize Jesus and cry out.

***Luke 4:34: Saying, let us alone; what have we to do with Thee, Thou Jesus of Nazareth? Art Thou come to destroy us? I know Thee Who Thou art; the HOLY ONE of God.***

**Acts 3:14: But ye denied the HOLY ONE and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you.**

**Acts 13:35: Wherefore He saith also in another psalm, Thou shalt not suffer Thine HOLY ONE to see corruption.**

**1 John 2:20: But ye have an unction from the HOLY ONE, and ye know all things.**

Isaiah's uncleanness and unholiness was centered and concentrated in his LIPS, and in his tongue. Is yours? Are the sins of your tongue — or any other sins — becoming more grievous to you, as they were to Isaiah? Then you are moving up in God towards a REVIVAL. If sin is not exceedingly sinful, then the heart is far from God.

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One of these days, we will soon come up to meet this same LORD, THE HOLY ONE. When the apostle John saw Him on the isle of Patmos, he fell at His feet as a dead man. The AWSOME HOLINESS of OUR LORD made him feel like a speck of nothing, as unworthy of His Presence.

SIN SEPARATES US FROM THE LORD as declared in the following verses:

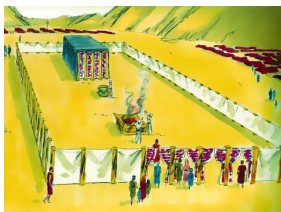
**Sin separates us from the Lord**

**Isaiah 59:1-2:**

**<sup>1</sup> Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither His ear heavy, that it cannot hear:**

**<sup>2</sup> But YOUR INIQUITIES have separated between you and your God, and your SINS have hid His face from you, that He will not hear.**

**Exodus 33:7: Moses took the Tabernacle, and pitched it without the camp, afar off from the camp,** [encampment of the people]



**and called it the Tabernacle of the congregation. And it came to pass, that every one which SOUGHT THE LORD went out unto the Tabernacle of the congregation, which was WITHOUT the camp.**

**Deuteronomy 23:14: For the LORD thy God walketh in the midst of thy camp, to deliver thee, and to give up thine enemies before thee; therefore shall thy camp be HOLY: that He see no unclean**

*thing in thee, and turn away from thee.*

**Deuteronomy 31:16b-18:**

**16b . . . This people will rise up, and go a whoring after the gods of the strangers of the land, whither they go to be among them, and will forsake Me, and **BREAK MY COVENANT** which I have made with them.**

**17 Then MY ANGER SHALL BE KINDLED against them and I will and I will hide My face from them, and they shall be devoured, and many evils and troubles shall befall them; so that they say IN THAT DAY, Are not these evils come upon us, because our God is not among us?**

**18 And I WILL SURELY HIDE MY FACE in THAT DAY for all the EVILS which they have wrought, in that they are turned unto other gods.**

**Joshua 7:10-12b:**

**10 The LORD said unto Joshua, Get thee up; wherefore liest thou upon thy face?**

**11 ISRAEL HATH SINNED, and they have also transgressed MY Covenant which I commanded them: for they have even taken of the accursed thing, and have also **STOLEN**, and **DISSEMBLED** also , and they have put it even among their own stuff.**

**12b. . . neither will I be with you any more, except ye destroy the ACCURSED from among you.**

**Judges 16:20: And she said, the Philistines be upon thee, Samson. And he awoke out of his sleep, and said, I will go out as at other times before, and shake myself. And he wist not that the LORD was departed from him.**



**1 Samuel 16:14: The SPIRIT OF THE LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD troubled him.**

## **I. GOD ALONE IS THE REVIVER OF HIS PEOPLE.**

Since the Lord God Almighty, alone, is the reviver of His people, why isn't He doing it then?

The LORD is very particular as to WHOM He revives. He will not revive just

anybody and everybody at random. He is very precise and particular as to WHOM He can and will revive.

Our text spells it out very distinctly and specifically. God ONLY REVIVES those who are of a **HUMBLE** spirit, and those whose hearts are **CONTRITE**. These are TWO essential ingredients in the RECIPE for a HOLY GHOST REVIVAL that is GOD SENT. They are not easy to come by in any of the children of God.

Like a MAGNET draws steel and iron to itself, so also THE SPIRIT of GOD, and THE LORD GOD, and THE LORD JESUS CHRIST will draw unto HIMSELF with MIGHTY POWER those saints who have both a **HUMBLE** and a **CONTRITE** spirit.

TAKE SPECIAL NOTICE OF THIS: The PRESENCE of the LORD is DRAWN TO and ATTRACTED TO those who have these supreme Christian characteristics: **CONTRITENESS** AND **HUMILITY!!!**



Contriteness



Humility

**QUESTION:** What constitutes a REVIVAL?

**ANSWER:** The PRESENCE OF THE LORD literally charging the atmosphere of the church building, and filling the hearts and lives of the Christians. The more this DEEPER and RICHER manifestation of the DIVINE PRESENCE, the more the atmosphere is supercharged with the POWER of GOD. Then is when the miracles and signs and wonders are taking place on a regular basis.

Let us take a closer look at our text, and see what the HIGH and LOFTY ONE Who inhabits ETERNITY is saying after this. It gives us a clue in just three words: *WITH HIM ALSO*.

HIS PRESENCE is “*WITH HIM ALSO*”, i.e., individually HE is WITH — WITH — WITH.

**QUESTION:** WITH WHOM?

**ANSWER:** With him or her who is of a **CONTRITE** and **HUMBLE SPIRIT**.

**QUESTION:** What does this PRESENCE of the LORD do?

**ANSWER:** It REVIVES the heart and spirit of the **humble** and **contrite**.

## II. GOD REVIVES THE **HUMBLE** and **CONTRITE**



**2 Chronicles 7:14:** *If My people, which are called by My name, shall **humble** themselves, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from Heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.*

**QUESTION:** Did you take notice that this **HUMBLING** of ourselves comes first, even before praying and FORSAKING our SINS?

**ANSWER:** Even though these two other heart preparations for revival are necessary and vitally important to having a revival, **HUMBLING** OURSELVES comes FIRST.

**QUESTION:** Why is **humility** so very important?

**ANSWER:**

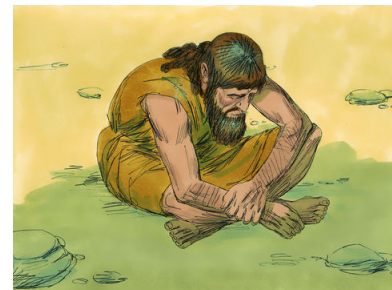
**James 4:6b:** *God resists the **PROUD**, and gives **GRACE** to the **HUMBLE**.*

**1 Peter 5:6:** ***Humble** yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time:*

**1 Kings 21:28-29:**

**28** *And the word of the **LORD** came to **Elijah** the **Tishbite**, saying,*

**29** *Seest thou how **Ahab** **humbleth** himself before Me? because he **humbleth** himself before Me, I will not bring the evil in his days: but in his son's days will I bring the evil [calamity and trouble, judgment] **upon his house**.*



King Ahab wears sackcloth and meekly fasts.

**Leviticus 26:40-42:**

**40** *If they shall confess their iniquity, and the iniquity of their fathers, with their trespass which they trespassed against Me, and that also they have walked contrary unto Me;*

**41** *And that I also have walked contrary unto them, and have brought them into the land of their enemies; if then their **UNCIRCUMCISED HEARTS BE HUMBLLED**, and they then accept of the punishment of their iniquity:*

**42** *Then will I remember My covenant with Jacob, and also My*

**covenant with Isaac, and also My covenant with Abraham will I remember; and I will remember the land.**

**2 Kings 22:18b-20a:**

**18b Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, As touching the words which thou hast heard;**

**19 Because thine heart was tender, and thou hast **humbled** thyself before the LORD, when thou heardest what I spake against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, that they should become a desolation and a curse, and hast rent thy clothes, and wept before Me; I also have heard thee, saith the LORD.**

**20a Behold therefore, I will gather thee unto thy fathers, and thou shalt be gathered into thy grave in peace; and thine eyes shall not see all the evil which I will bring upon this place.**

**2 Chronicles 12:5-7:**

**5 Then came Shemaiah the prophet to Rehoboam, and to the princes of Judah, that were gathered together to Jerusalem because of Shishak, and said unto them, Thus saith the LORD, Ye have forsaken Me, and therefore have I also left you in the hand of Shishak.**

**6 Whereupon the princes of Israel and the king **humbled** themselves; and they said, The LORD is righteous.**

**7 And when the LORD saw that they **humbled** themselves, the word of the LORD came to Shemaiah, saying, They have **humbled** themselves; therefore I will not destroy them, but I will grant them some deliverance; and My wrath shall not be poured out upon Jerusalem by the hand of Shishak.**

**Matthew 18:4: Whosoever therefore shall **humble** himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven.**

**Luke 14:11: For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that **humbleth** himself shall be exalted.**

**Luke 18:14b: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that **humbleth** himself shall be exalted.**

**Psalms 35:13: As for me, when they were sick, my clothing was sackcloth: I **humbled** my soul with FASTING.**

**Micah 6:8:** *He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk **humbly** with thy God?*

**QUESTION:** What is **Contrite**?

**ANSWER:** **Contrite:** Broken hearted, to crush, crumble, deeply affected with sorrow over wrong doing, penitent heart. A **contrite** heart is a TENDER HEART.

**2 Kings 22:19:** *Because thine heart was tender, and thou hast **humbled** thyself before the LORD, when thou heardest what I spake against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, that they should become a desolation and a curse, and hast rent thy clothes, and wept before Me; I also have heard thee, saith the LORD.*

**Ephesians 4:32:** *And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.*

**Psalms 34:18:** *The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a **contrite** spirit.*

**Psalms 51:17:** *The sacrifices of God are a BROKEN SPIRIT; a broken and **contrite** heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise.*

**Isaiah 66:2b:** *but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a **contrite** spirit, and trembleth at My Word.*

III. GOD CHOOSES TO DWELL WITH THE **HUMBLE** AND **CONTRITE** ONES.

**TEXT:** *Isaiah 57:15:* **For thus saith the HIGH and LOFTY ONE Who inhabits eternity, Whose Name is HOLY; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a **contrite** and **humble** spirit, to revive the spirit of the **humble**, and to revive the heart of the **contrite** ones.**

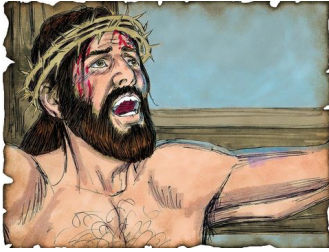
**HUMBLE** people are those who feel that they can't get down low enough before God. John the Baptist put it this way:

**John 3:30:** *HE must increase; and I must decrease.*

This is the ingredient of a **HUMBLE** person. This is what we call a CALVARY HEART.



John the Baptist



**Philippians 2:8b-9:**

<sup>8b</sup> *And being found in fashion as a man, He **humbled** Himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the Cross.*

<sup>9</sup> *Wherefore God also hath highly exalted HIM, and given Him a Name which is above every name.*

When Isaiah **humbled** himself before the Lord and got the LIVE COAL from the altar to touch his lips, he was ready to respond to the Divine Call into ROYAL service.

#### **IV. HOW TO BECOME CONTRITE AND HUMBLE AND LOWLY**

##### **Our part:**

**Hosea 10:12b:** ***BREAK UP** your fallow ground; (i.e. our heart soil) for it is time to seek the LORD, till He come, and rain righteousness upon you.*

**Jeremiah 4:3:** *Thus saith the LORD to the men of Judah and Jerusalem, Break up your fallow ground, and sow not among thorns.*

**James 4:10:** ***HUMBLE YOURSELVES** in the sight of the Lord, and HE shall lift you up.*

**1 Peter 5:6:** ***HUMBLE YOURSELVES** therefore under the Mighty Hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time.*

**1 Chronicles 7:14a:** *If My people, which are called by My Name, shall **HUMBLE THEMSELVES**, and pray, and seek My face . . .*

##### **God's Ministers' Part and God's Prophets' Part**

**Jeremiah 51:22-23:**

<sup>22</sup> *With thee also will I break in pieces man and woman; and with thee will I break in pieces old and young; and with thee will I break in pieces the young man and the maid;*

<sup>23</sup> *I will also break in pieces with thee the shepherd and his flock; and with thee will I break in pieces the husbandman and his yoke of oxen; and with thee will I break in pieces captains and rulers.*

**Jeremiah 1:10:** *See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant.*

**QUESTION:** How?

**ANSWER:** By the using of GOD'S HAMMER, which is HIS Word.



**Jeremiah 23:29: Is not My Word like as a fire? Saith the LORD; and like a HAMMER, that BREAKETH the rock [stoney hearts] in pieces?**

**Matthew 21:44a: Jesus said: Whosoever shall fall on THIS STONE [referring to Himself] shall be broken:**



### **Almighty God's part**

**Jeremiah 19:11a: Thus saith the LORD of Hosts; Even so will I break this people and this city, as one breaketh a potter's vessel . . .**

- V. God's favor is to the tenderhearted — those with a broken and **contrite** heart.

**2 Chronicles 34:27a & c -28a:** [God addresses this message to Josiah]

<sup>27a</sup> **Because thine heart was TENDER, and thou didst HUMBLE thyself before God, when thou heardest His WORDS against this place...**

<sup>27c</sup> **and HUMBLEST thyself before Me, and didst rent thy clothes, and weep before Me; I have even heard thee also, saith the LORD.**

<sup>28a</sup> **Behold, I will gather thee to thy father's, and you shall be gathered to thy grave in peace,**

**Ephesians 4:32: Be ye kind to one another, TENDERHEARTED, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.**

- VI. A **humble** heart and a **contrite** heart is a heart that is **lowly** inward.

Interpreted, **lowly** means: little in one's own self esteem, or free from pride, arrogance, and haughtiness. This is what a meek person is like. Meekness is not weakness, but becomes as an attribute highly esteemed by the Lord God Almighty.

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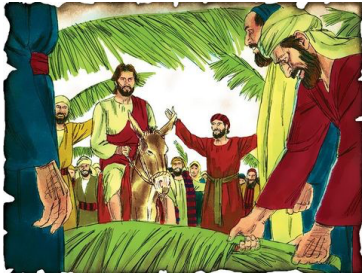
**Psalms 138:6: Though the LORD be high, yet hath He respect unto**

**THE LOWLY:** *but the proud He knoweth afar off.*

**Proverbs 3:34:** *He [The Lord] giveth GRACE unto the LOWLY.*

**Proverbs 16:19:** *Better it is to be of an HUMBLE SPIRIT with the LOWLY, than to divide the spoil with the proud.*

**Zechariah 9:9:** [CHRIST, OUR BEST EXAMPLE]



*O daughter of Jerusalem: BEHOLD YOUR KING COMETH unto thee: He is JUST, and having SALVATION; LOWLY, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt, the foal [offspring] of an ass.*

**Matthew 11:29b:** *for I AM MEEK and LOWLY in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.*

**Numbers 12:3:** [Moses, a type of Christ] *(Now the man Moses was very meek, above all the men which were upon the face of the earth.)*

**Ephesians 4:1-2:**

<sup>1</sup> *I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,*

<sup>2</sup> *With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;*

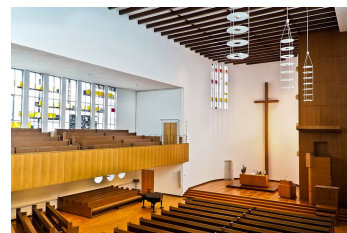
**Philippians 2:3:** *Let nothing be done through strife or vain glory; but in LOWLINESS of mind let each esteem others better than themselves.*

## VII. THESE ARE THE HEART CONDITIONS WHICH HASTEN ON A GREAT REVIVAL.

The LORD is the REVIVER of HIS PEOPLE. These are the NECESSARY heart conditions that motivate the LORD to DO THE REVIVING of HIS PEOPLE.

**QUESTION:** Will you join me at the altar in a united effort to seek the Lord to help us get our hearts HUMBLE and CONTRITE enough so HE can bring us to a great revival?

**ANSWER:** The altar is open, and the Lord is awaiting your response. He has my heart, and I hope and pray



that He has your heart, also.

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